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In re Application of :
G. Michael Higgins : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/697,410 : PURSUANT TO
Filed: October 30, 2003 : 37 C.F.R. § 1.182
Attorney Docket No. 339693US28 :
Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD :
FOR EVALUATING INSURABLE RISKS AT :
POINT OF SALE :
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This is in response to the petition filed on March 24, 2004, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, requesting a change of the name of the inventor. Specifically, Petitioner has requested that "Michael G. Higgins" be changed to "G. Michael Higgins."

This petition is **DISMISSED as unnecessary.**

This application was filed on October 30, 2003 along with, *inter alia*, an unsigned declaration which identified the sole inventor as "Michael G. Higgins." A Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed on January 29, 2004, which required, *inter alia*, a new oath or declaration. An executed declaration was submitted on March 24, 2004 concurrently with this petition, which identifies the sole inventor as "G. Michael Higgins." Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f)(1), inventorship is set by the first submission of an executed declaration. As such, Office records were updated to reflect that the sole inventor is "G. Michael Higgins," and this petition is not required.

The \$130 petition fee will be refunded via the mailing of a Treasury Check in due course.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision, and jurisdiction over this application is transferred to the Technology Center, so that the application may receive further processing. The Technology Center's support staff will notify

the Examiner of this decision, so that the present application can receive further processing in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.¹ All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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¹ Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).